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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **UM STUDENT IS PACKARD FOUNDATION TRIBAL SCHOLAR**

#### **MISSOULA --**

Shannon Clairmont, a University of Montana student from **Ronan**, has been named a Packard Foundation Tribal Scholar by the American Indian College Fund.

Clairmont, a senior majoring in wildlife biology, works as a biologist trainee for the Salish-Kootenai tribe in **Polson**. He plans to pursue a master's degree and continue his work for the tribe as a wildlife biologist.

Clairmont is a 1988 graduate of Polson High School. His parents are Phyllis and Richard Clairmont of Polson.

The David and Lucile Packard Foundation, based in Los Altos, Calif., was founded in 1965. In 1996 the foundation's Tribal Scholars Program was created to increase the number of graduates prepared to enter careers in science and engineering and become leaders in the technical and economic development of their tribes.

The Denver-based American Indian College Fund, created in 1989, is the nation's largest provider of privately funded Indian scholarships. In 2001 the fund distributed nearly \$4 million in scholarships that directly supported more than 6,000 students.

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